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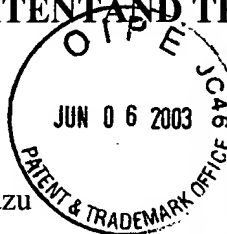
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 16, 2003, Applicants elect to prosecute claims of Group II in the present application, with traverse.

Applicants traverse the election requirement and groups. The subject matter of the identified group III and use thereof are sufficiently related so as not to unduly burden the Examiner in making a search.

Specific hybridoma cells, in addition to the use of specifically claimed antibodies in an assay, are sufficiently related to the monoclonal antibody produced therefrom and so used as to make examination of these together an efficient and desirable event.

No amendment of inventorship is necessitated by this election.

AMENDMENT

The Examiner is requested to please add the following new claims.